and rural areas respectively in different parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) how many villages in the country have the telephone connections; and

(c) by when all the rural post offices are proposed to be connected telephone service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The details of telephone connection in urban areas and rural areas in the country is given in the attached statement.

(b) 30,810 villages are having the Telephone connections in the country.

(c) There is no proposal to provide Telephone service in all the rural post offices.

Statement

Details of Telephone Connections State-wise as on 31-3-86

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Telephone Working Connections Urban	Rural
1	Andhra Pradesh	140861	54988
2	Bihar	52953	13782
3	Gujarat	215690	42734
4	Jammu and Kashmir	13079	4659
5	Karnataka	150267	28622
6	Kerala	95025	43462
7	Madhya Pradesh	88703	6787
8	Maharashtra	231853	35414
9	North Eastern Region	34511	7767
10	North Western Region	164968	14902
11	Orissa	22539	12348
12	Rajasthan	83766	10555
13	Tamil Nadu	204193	71738
14	Uttar Pradesh	152210	32906
15	West Bengal	227178	12514
16	Delhi	269512	2205

Rural Post Offices

102. SHRI VITHALRAO MALHAVRAO JADHAV:

(SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages in the country are having postal services;

(b) how many post offices of rural areas are having the telegrams and telephone services; and

(c) what is the ratio of urban post offices and rural post offices which have been equiped by telegrams and telephone facilities in the different States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Post offices have been opened in 1,27,705 villages in the country. Villages which are not provided with post offices are visited by village postmen/delivery agents/branch postmasters for purposes of delivery of mail, payment of money orders, sale of postage stamps and stationery and collection of articles for despatch. In this manner postal services are available to all the villages in the country.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

STD facilities between Delhi and State Capitals

103. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State capitals which are connected with Delhi with telephones on 'No Delay Strvice' and 'S.T.D.'; and

(b) in case there is any State capital or capitals which lack these services, the reasons thereof and by when the Government will provide these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) All the State Capitals are connected with Delhi on STD or no-delay service.

(b) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

Glaxo Liability against drugs equalisation fund

104. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Glaxo has indicated more than rupees 21 crores against drugs equalisation fund account under the current liabilities in their balance sheet ending 30th June, 1985;

(b) if so, what is the break up of this liability;

(c) whether this amount is being utilized by the company;

(d) if so, under what direction; and

(e) what is the position of interest on this amount and how much interest has been worked out on this account per annum from 1980 onwards, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b). In their annual report for the year ending June, 1985 M/s. Glaxo Labs. (i) Ltd. have shown current liability towards Drug Prices Equalisation Account Rs. 2105.99 lakhs. The yearwise breakup of the liability is given below:—

	(*Rs. in lakhs*)
30th June, 1985 . . .	612·33
30th June, 1984 . . .	626.70
30th June, 1983 . . .	481·13
30th June, 1982 . . .	485·77

(c) The position is not known.

(d) The company have provided for amounts for Drug Price Equalisation Account based on the stay granted to them by the Delhi High Court against the revision in prices of Betamethasone, its salts and formulations based thereon.

(e) The interest liability has not been shown in the Annual accounts of the company.

Production of Cephalaxin by M/s. Glaxo

105. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Glaxo has been licensed to produce Cephalaxin in the country;

(b) if so, the capacity permitted and the basic raw material on which the production has been allowed;

(c) what are the names of raw materials allowed for import for the production of Cephalaxin and what is the percentage of